

Remarks

Claims 2-4, 6-16, and 19-23 are now pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 2, 3, 6-16, 19, and 21, cancelled claims 1, 5, 17, and 18 and added new claims 22 and 23 to clarify the present invention. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

Applicants have amended the specification to insert reference to the priority application and delete references to the claims.

Applicants have amended claims 12-16 to address the objection to the claims. Claim 18 is no longer pending.

The Examiner indicated that claims 5 and 6 recite allowable subject matter. New claim 22 recites the subject matter of claim 5 and claim 1, which claim 1 depended from. Applicants have amended claims 2-4, 6-16 and 19-21 to depend from claim 22. Therefore, claims 2-4, 6-16 and 19-22 should all be allowable.

Applicants have rewritten claim 17 and newly presented claim 23 along the lines of new claim 22. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 23 should also be allowable.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-4 and 7-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,325,259 to Paulsson. In view of the above, this rejection is no

longer relevant and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

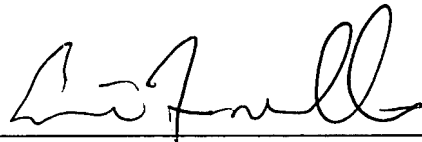
In conclusion, Applicants submit that this case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this case, Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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